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■ LOOK AHEAD: Augustyn anxious

'A year of concrete action'

SARAH FERGUSON
Pelham News Staff

PELHAM — Mayor Dave Augustyn expects to see 2013 a year full of change for Pelham.

"I would characterize last year as a building year and, now, this is an action year."

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Peewees score big with electronics



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Brothers Mason and Hayden Stewart and Ethan Guitard spend Saturday assisting with Recycle Your Electronics Day, hosted at Pelham Arena by Pelham Minor Hockey. See story on Page 3.

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■ AVIVA FUND: Winners to be announced Jan. 29

Pelham awaits word on skatepark funding

SARAH FERGUSON
Pelham News Staff

PELHAM — The countdown is on to find out what projects will be recipients of this year's Aviva Insurance Community Fund grants.

Pelham is in the running with the Riehl Skatepark, proposed in memory of E.J. Crossley Grade 9 student Isaac Riehl, who died in October days after he was hit by a car while riding his longboard on Foss Rd.

Crossley students learned about the Aviva Community Fund, which is a competition held by the insurance company that awards money to community projects based in part on support shown through online voting.

The Aviva Community Fund is giving away \$1 million for ideas to create positive change in Canada.

Crossley students entered into the competition the idea to build the skatepark, most likely at Fenwick's Centennial Park. The concept has been selected as a top-30 finalist. Winners will be announced Jan. 29.

"My understanding is that we're very hopeful about the Aviva Fund because we are one of the finalists and that we will do well," Mayor Dave Augustyn said during last weekend's town council meeting. "Our approach is that council will



Isaac Riehl

QMI Agency file photo

match the funds received.

"I would suggest if it doesn't occur, it's a discussion council will have to have after," he also said about the possibility that the school board could contribute funds from the competition.

Ward 12 Coun. Gary Acciari said

council needs to open a discussion with any groups that are raising funds for the project to make sure any money is managed properly and tax receipts are issued.

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■ POLITICS: Tory leader wants to increase manufacturing jobs

No mandatory union membership: Hudak

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ST. CATHARINES — Eliminating mandatory union membership would create more manufacturing jobs in Niagara, says Tim Hudak.

Ontario's Progressive Conservative leader, who represents Niagara West-Glanbrook, targeted unions and provincial labour laws in a campaign-style stop in St. Catharines last Thursday.

Speaking at Shark Marine Technologies, Hudak said as premier he would pursue tax cuts and energy policy to lure manufacturing jobs back, but said he would also support right-to-work policies.

That would mean workers in a unionized shop wouldn't have to join the union or pay dues if they chose not to.

"The notion of forced unionization is almost unique to Canada," said Hudak, who was joined by St. Catharines MP Rick Dykstra.

He said the province's economy is held back by labour laws "stuck in the 1940s" that make it difficult for Ontario to compete for jobs.

And, he slammed the province's tax and energy rates, maintaining that between those factors and more flexible labour laws, the



JULIE JOCASKA QMI Agency Niagara
PC leader Tim Hudak and MP Rick Dykstra visited Shark Marine Technologies in St. Catharines Jan. 10.

manufacturing sector could have a better shot at rebounding. "We have a provincial government that's going in the opposite direction," Hudak said.

He vowed the provincial Tories would not write off manufacturing, which shed 13,700 jobs in Niagara — 39% of the sector — between 2000 and 2010.

Ontario, he said, should reach out to business and build partnerships to create a more educated workforce. He said that will give the province a competitive edge.

"If we think we're going to compete on muscle and sweat alone, we're not going to be successful," he said. "I think that would be a boondoggle."

Hudak also praised a regional council proposal that would waive manufacturing charges for industries for two years.

"I think that would be the way," he said.

Hudak's visit comes with provincial parliament still prorogued as the Ontario Liberal Party leadership race draws toward a conclusion.

Asked if he's expecting an election, he said, "I don't know when that's going to happen, but we'll know where we stand."

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■ **SHORT HILLS PROVINCIAL PARK:** Seven animals killed over two weekends

Controversial deer hunt to return next year

KARENNE WALTER
QMI Agency Niagara

ST. CATHARINES — First Nations hunters expect to return to Short Hills Provincial Park for another deer hunt next year, despite demonstrations by protesters over the past two weekends.

Heidi de la Ronde, a confederacy spokesperson, Paul Williams said an overpopulation of deer in the park, safe surroundings and lack of access to many other hunting areas made Short Hills a good spot to hunt.

"Despite having the treaty rights, we don't have the access," he said, adding it's rare the confederacy gets permission to hunt on First Nations' property, limiting its options.

"A place like this has the advantage of having a hyper-population of deer."

The legal deer harvest was the first of its kind at the park and was carried out by members of the Haudenosaunee Jan. 5 and 6 and again

Saturday and Sunday. Members were exercising their treaty rights to hunt on Crown land. No more hunts are planned there this year.

The second weekend of the controversial deer hunt again saw peaceful protesters gathered at various access points around the closed park on both days.

Williams said the archery hunt was held later than anticipated because of paper work issues.

"If we're back next year, we'll hunt earlier and meet with neighbours and other local people earlier," Williams said. "We're learning as we go along."

Protesters, 15 of them Saturday and 11 on Sunday, killed a total three deer on the weekend. Last weekend they killed four.

Williams cited two reasons for the low harvest numbers, despite an overpopulation — only experienced hunters took part, and they were not allowed to take possibly risky



JULIE JOSCAK QMI Agency Niagara
Protesters wait for the hunters to emerge from Short Hills Park after a day of hunting during the second weekend of the white-tailed deer hunt on Jan. 12, 2013.

shots. He said participants were instructed to only take "sure shots" to avoid wounding deer at the park.

Like the weekend before, Ontario Provincial Police, Niagara Regional Police and Ministry of Natural Resources representatives were at the park.

Brian Huis, a senior parks

planner with the ministry, said ministry officials were covering off all access points to ensure the public was aware they couldn't go into the park. There were no incidents.

The NRP, meanwhile, had Pelham Rd. closed to vehicles between Third and Fifth Sts. where the entrance at Scout

Camp Rd. was being used by the hunters. Staff Sgt. Dan Nadeau said the road is a busy one and the closure was done for the safety of pedestrians who were walking to the entrance to protest.

Individual protesters' reasons for opposing the hunt were diverse, including those opposed to hunting, some who were against using a provincial park for a hunt, and those upset they weren't allowed to join the hunt.

"It's just as wrong this weekend as last week," said Robin Zavitz, a Pelham resident who launched a petition against the hunt and collected more than 1,600 signatures.

"We don't want to see this become an annual event at Short Hills Provincial Park. It's not a place for a hunt."

Zavitz was among a larger group of 30 people at the scout camp entrance Saturday that was growing as the hunt wound down for nightfall.

"We're not opposed to their rights," said Jennifer Fleur, of St. Catharines. "We're opposed to where they are doing it."

Fleur said the park is sacred to residents who go there to bike and walk in peace.

Around other parts of the park, more aboriginal hunters could be seen protesting through the morning and afternoon at Eller Rd. and Decess Rd.

"Provincial parks should be off limits," said Tara Colledge, of Niagara Falls. "And if they're going to (allow) it, they should do it for everybody."

Although protests last weekend didn't stop the hunt, protesters were hopeful their voice would be heard.

"If nobody's here to protest it, then they're just going to continue it next year," said her husband, Rick Colledge, holding a neon sign that read "Stop hunting in our parks."

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■ **RECYCLING:** 8-track players, computers help to put funds in Pelham teams' pockets

Peewees score big with electronics

MARYANNE FIRTH
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PELHAM — It's safe to say Pelham Minor Hockey scored on Sunday.

The association's three peewee teams held their first ever Recycle Your Electronics Day, encouraging people to bring their outdated and unwanted electronics down to Pelham Arena.

Before the morning was even through, the group had already come close to fill-

ing a gigantic container with printers, televisions, computers, stereos and even a few 8-track players.

"We were really surprised," Mike Rhora, the association's Niagara District local league vice-president, said of the response from the community.

While some people brought along one or two gadgets that were collecting dust at home, others brought trucks filled to the brim with used electronics.

Pelham's peewee hockey

players were out in full force to assist with the collection, and even spent days prior to the event going door to door to inform the community about the recycling opportunity.

"It's good to get the kids involved," Rhora said, adding the day not only acts as a fundraiser for the hockey teams, but also teaches a valuable lesson about recycling and the environment.

Money raised through the later sale of the recy-

clable materials, through the Ontario Electronic Stewardship, will benefit the peewee teams.

Rhora gave credit to propane gas jockeys Steve Scott, Mark Gaines and Joel Barnhart as well as peewee convenor John Pollard for their efforts to organize the fundraiser. He also thanked the local businesses who offered their signs to promote the collection.

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SURVEY RESULTS

Forums for seniors

PelhamNEWS Staff

WELLAND — Niagara Region is hosting a series of community forums to educate people on senior issues and help seniors age well at home.

Through its Aging Well in Niagara events hosted late last year, the region collected input on seniors needs from more than 600 residents through conversation cafes, community cards and surveys. This pool of information was created to support the region as it develops plans and refines programs to ensure high qual-

ity of life for seniors and assist them in living at home for as long as possible.

To release the findings of the public consultation, six forums are being held across the region.

Local forums include at Welland Community Wellness Complex, 145 Lincoln St. on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and the Friends Over 55 Centre, 554 Fielden Ave. in Port Colborne, on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For a full list of dates and locations, visit www.niagararegion.ca/seniors or call 1-877-212-3922.



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The weekly ritual begins

Today, the weekly ritual begins.

Just as it does every week, the Pelham News arrives on front porches, in mail boxes or readers pick it up at the corner store.

Faithful readers hungry for news in the community will open the front pages to find out what is happening in Pelham, who's involved and what's going to occur within the coming weeks.

And in this week's edition, there is a variety of stories in Pelham News to be enjoyed.

Pelham Minor Hockey peewee players were at the Pelham Arena this weekend collecting old and outdated electronics to be recycled, local business owners are hosting a Pelham Winter Wonderland poster contest, and organizers are looking for nominations for 2012's Pelham's Citizen of the Year. There are also plenty of events and fun activities taking place in town as well as other communities in surrounding areas to be enjoyed.

Some people will read the paper bright and early in the morning just as they always do—likely with a piping hot cup of coffee along with their breakfast.

Others will have to wait until the evening when the children are fed, the dinner dishes are done and they can finally spare a few minutes to settle down and read the news.

Some people may glance through the paper at various times during the week.

However it's read, a newspaper plays an important role for its readers—it is the glue that holds a community together because of the information that it holds.

If you read a story you agree with, or even if you don't, why not strike up a conversation by sending a letter to the editor?

Is there a special event happening in the next few weeks that readers would be interested in?

What kind of stories would you like to see in your weekly community newspaper?

Don't hesitate to send in letters to the editors and information about upcoming events. You can drop me a line at 905-732-2411 ext 213 or send an e-mail to sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca.

comment

■ COLUMN

Help secure funding for Pelham Street

In November I wrote here about possible ways to increase pedestrian safety on Pelham St. I want to give you an update on what I did to help lobby the provincial government to secure funds.

You will recall that a couple of years ago, parents from Glynn A. Green School implored council to increase the safety of children walking and from school along Pelham St. They underscored that the 10,000 vehicles that drive by Pelham St. each school day and reminded council about a woman who was tragically killed while jogging on the road's gravel shoulder.

Council reacted swiftly by approving a new traffic signal at Port Robinson Rd. and a new sidewalk from Elizabeth to Brock Sts. We also approved an engineering study for the reconstruction of Pelham St.



**DAVE
AUGUSTYN**
MAYORAL VIEW

from Port Robinson to Quaker Rd., and earmarked \$2.5 million in future budgets for the road's total reconstruction – including sidewalks, curbs, new sewer, and new water lines.

When the engineering design and construction estimate came back last fall at \$6.5 million, all were surprised and disheartened. This work would consume triple what we normally invest each year in major road projects.

Given the funding challenge, staff worked with the school to develop an interim measure:

install a sidewalk on the west side of Pelham Street from Port Robinson Rd. to Pancake Lane. This interim sidewalk would be removed when we eventually reconstruct the road.

Then, in December, the province announced new funding through the municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MII). The province earmarked \$51 million to "... support the most critical roads, bridges, water and wastewater projects."

Considering the urgency, the health and safety concerns expressed by local residents, and the lack of available funds, council endorsed an application to reconstruct Pelham St. from Port Robinson Rd. to Pancake Lane. We applied for the \$2.0 million maximum allowance for the \$2.78 million estimated project.

Undoubtedly, there will be fierce competition for the \$51

million and the province is using a "pre-screening process" before towns and cities fill in a final application.

It would be very helpful if you and other Pelham residents write letters of support for the project and request allocation of these funds.

Please address support letters to: Municipal Infrastructure Investment Secretariat, c/o Rural Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, 1 St. George Street, 4th Fl., P.O. Box 1000, Guelph, ON, N1G 4Y2 or at mii@ontario.ca. (For sample support letters from the Active Transportation Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Business Association, please see my online journal at www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com.)

You may contact Mayor Dave at mayordave@pelham.ca.

■ COLUMN

Local real estate market 'steady as she goes'

The local real estate market demonstrated remarkable resilience in 2012 – with home sales up 6.0%.

Total residential sales in Pelham reached 209 units compared to the total of 196 reported last year. Interestingly enough, last year's total is the exact same level as recorded in 2009 and 2010. With 403 new listings posted in 2012, our local sales-to-new-listing ratio of 51.9% is solidly in the middle of the balanced territory range of 40% to 60%.

Average prices, however, are on the decline. The 12 month average price as at December 31, 2012 stood at \$320,685 – 1.7% below the 2011 figure of \$326,362.

Market trends in our local area are reflecting the demographic housing shift that is occurring across



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REAL ESTATE VIEW

Canada. Now, with baby boomers becoming such a disproportionate part of the population, there is a shift towards lower priced condos and townhomes representing a larger share of the housing mix.

In 2012, multi-family residential sales represented a 12% share of the market compared to 10% in 2011 – expect this trend to continue. Lower demand for larger, 2 storey family homes will continue to place strain on this segment.

This past month, the Canadian Real Estate

Association (CREA) lowered its 2013 national forecast for home sales activity.

Markets Management Systems (MMLS) Systems of Canadian real estate Boards and Associations. CREA projects that national sales activity will recede by two per cent in the coming year.

The RE/MAX 2012 Housing Market Outlook released in December 2012 suggests that stability will be the characteristic of Canadian real estate in the new year, with sales above or on par with 2012 levels in the majority of market areas.

One thing is for sure, the

days of rapidly rising average sales prices are expected to become a distant memory.

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■ BUILDING

Change for Pelham

FROM PAGE 1

The biggest change for Pelham was the approval of the town's official plan, which encourages residential intensification downtown.

Another change is the approval of the town's East Fenwick Secondary Plan which could see about 5,000 people moving into the area over the next 20 years.

Although Augustyn learned during Monday night's council meeting that there are still appeals to the town's official plan, including ones from the province, he believes the document will have a positive impact on the community.

Town staff have been working more than 11 years to develop the plan. The old one hasn't been replaced since first established in 1973.

"It's a long time coming," Augustyn said about the plan.

He said the province has appealed the plan because of concerns about language in the document and will work with the town, and the province to make sure the plan is properly tweaked.

"The official plan is where we're going over the next couple of years," Augustyn said.

The vision of the the town includes making the community more pedestrian-friendly, giving it a small town feel and developing commercial business on Hwy. 20.

Augustyn said last year's Pelham Sunfest was a huge success — council is committed to improving the multi-day celebration.

Last year was also a rebuilding year in terms of finding reserves due to the redevelopment of downtown Fonthill. After recon-

ering from a year of intense improvements, Augustyn expects to see the town continue to develop with new projects.

Town staff also built an "all-new municipal team" with the addition of a new director of public works, chief administrative officer, fire chief and director of recreation and wellness.

In 2013, the mayor said, council will continue to talk about improving communications, wellness and recreation in the community, which includes the development of a new municipal website. A request for proposals to construct the website has been put out for tender.

There are more changes coming this year in Pelham, with the revitalization of downtown Fenwick at a cost of \$2.1 million, change which will help to celebrate the community's 160th anniversary.

Once the project is finished, Fenwick's downtown will become pedestrian-friendly, hydro lines will be buried and the historic fence will be restored.

Town council is also focused on constructing a skateboard park in memory of 14-year-old Pelham longboarder Isaac Riehl, who died in October days after he was hit by a car. Students at E.L. Crossley Secondary School are finalists in an online contest through Aviva Community Fund to receive funds for the project and the town plans to match any funds received.

Augustyn said he is also hoping to take part in a discussion about building a community facility to act as a gathering place.

"Overall, I am looking forward to 2013 — it will be a year of concrete action."

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■ FUNDRAISER: Dave Augustyn wants to see you on May 25

Save the date for mayor's gala

SARAH FERGUSON
Pelham News Staff

PELHAM — Mayor Dave Augustyn has asked to save the date for a night of mystery and excitement.

Augustyn along with community volunteers will host the Pelham Mayor's Gala on May 25.

A night of intrigue and entertainment is the theme at this year's event to be held at the Pelham Golf and Country Club, Augustyn told councilors last Monday in the council chambers.

Although it is a bit early to be talking about the gala, Augustyn wanted to raise the public's awareness of the event.

He said this is the gala's fifth year. Over the past four years the evening has raised about \$10,000.

Proceeds from the event will be split, with half going toward the Pelham Community Fund and the Niagara Foundation, which makes funding available for local charities available in perpetuity, Augustyn said. The other half of the proceeds will go toward

community groups including charities, service groups and non profit organizations through an application process, he added.

In the past, the evening has helped to establish a permanent facility for Pelham Cares, raised money for the Connecting Kids Program which helped give less fortunate Pelham children the chance to participate in recreational programs as well as support community projects including the rowing shell at E.L. Crossley.

Since then many non-profit groups have applied to receive this funding by submitting an application form available at town hall and the town's website until Feb. 14.

The application asks groups to give a detailed outline as to how they intend to use the funds to serve the community.

Tickets for the gala are \$135 per person and can be purchased at town hall. Tables of eight can also be purchased and sponsored.

For more information about tickets call Martha Toscher at 905-892-2607 ext. 337 or e-mail mtoscher@pehham.ca.

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WHAT'S NEW IN DIABETES CARE?

Right now one million Canadians have Type 2 diabetes and do not know it. That statement is from the Canadian Diabetes Association Website (www.diabetes.ca). Diabetes is a growing epidemic and health concern. There are new treatments and resources available to help manage diabetes.

Bayer and Roche have new meters recently available. Bayer has a meter called the Didget. This meter is aimed at kids and rewards them for good monitoring habits. It comes with games and connects to the Nintendo DS or DS Lite System. Patients can get this through their local diabetes education centre or specialist. Another new meter is called the A1C Now Selfcheck. This meter captures the three month average of a patient's glycosylated hemoglobin. This is close to lab results that your doctor sees and gives patients a very good idea how well controlled their diabetes is. This test can now be performed at certain pharmacies that have this meter.

Roche's new meter is called the Accu-Chek Mobile. This meter uses strip-free testing. Instead of inserting individual test strips for each blood test a cartridge is inserted which is good for 50 separate tests. The benefit of this machine is the elimination of strip handling which can be difficult for people with arthritis, Parkinson's or other dexterity issues. This machine is free for Humalog or Novorapid insulin users since they must test their blood sugar more often.

There is new medication available as well. Victoza is a relatively new product on the market. This medication is for patients with type 2 diabetes. This is a non-insulin, once-daily, injectable medication, that can help improve blood sugar and has been shown to be able to provide the additional benefit of weight loss. This medication may used alone or with other medications such as Metformin. Other similar medications to this will be on the market shortly. You can call your insurance company to see if this medication would be covered for you.

Besides additional products on the market there are also additional services available for diabetics. Pharmacists can provide a diabetes medication consult, free to the patient, paid for by the Ministry of Health, and an unlimited number of diabetes follow-ups. These consults can involve the pharmacist explaining medications, insulin use, and glucometers. The pharmacist can also use the A1CNow meter and check your average three month blood sugar. Pharmacists can also provide referrals to diabetic community services and web resources that are available to patients.

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■ PHOTO CONTEST: Are you good with a camera?



Cathy Berkout-Bosse and Jean Bancroft review submissions to the MyPelham Winter Wonderland Photo Contest.

Exploring Pelham in winter should be a snap

SARAH FERGUSON
Pelham News Staff

PELHAM — Enjoy the splendor and beauty the season has to offer by snapping a photo of it for the MyPelham Winter Wonderland Photo Contest.

The assignment is simple — take a photograph of somewhere or someone in Pelham with a winter theme and submit it on or before Monday, Jan. 21.

Cathy Berkout-Bosse, who runs [mypelham.com](http://www.mypelham.com), said the contest is featured on the website home page.

Multiple submissions from people are welcome if they are delivered by the deadline. The community will be able to vote online until Sunday, Jan. 27, and the winners will be

“
I thought how beautiful everything looked. I thought it would be nice to see the town freshen up after the snow and celebrate what Pelham looks like in the winter.”

Cathy Berkout-Bosse

announced in MyPelham's Jan. 28 e-newsletter.

Berkout-Bosse said she was inspired to hold the contest after Boxing Day when Mother Nature brought a snowy blast of winter down upon Pelham.

“I thought how beautiful everything looked. I thought it would be nice to see the town freshen up after the snow and celebrate what Pelham looks like in the winter.”

Images can be submitted by visiting MyPelham.ca, Facebook page or tweet the image with the hash tag #PelhamWinter.

All entries will be featured on the MyPelham home page and the 10 winners will receive an on display at Fonthill Art and Home, which is moving to 1471 Pelham St. The first-place winner will receive a 16-by-20-inch float mount, second-place winner will receive an 11-by-14-inch plaque and third place wins an eight-by-10 plaque.

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Antique silver collector brings passion of art and tea to library

SARAH FERGUSON
Pelham Staff

PELHAM — Spend an afternoon learning about a piece of history and enjoy a spot of tea.

Antique silver collector and expert Claude Berlove will host an expressoentive Tea and Afternoon with Claude Monet at the Fonthill branch of the Pelham Public Library on Jan. 20.

Berlove will bring a tea set similar to one Claude Monet

would have used and she will tell the story of how she became able to acquire the tea set through the Claude Monet Foundation.

"I've always been interested in tea," Berlove said.

When she visited an exhibit at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo, NY, she learned about the connection between Monet and tea.

Berlove said she felt inspired by this exhibit and began researching Monet's art history and his passion for tea.

My mother liked fashions in the now and my father and I liked the fashions of the past."

Carole Berlove

In her presentation, Berlove will talk about antique silver, art, gardening and Monet, as well as his connection to tea and

she will explore the drink's history.

"It was sold in France 10 years before it was ever sold in England," Berlove said, about where tea originated.

Berlove has also studied and collected antique silver and glass for over 40 years. At 13-years-old, she began collecting everything from coins to boxes, and any piece of silver she found interesting.

It was a hobby she enjoyed with her father

and together they collected items that were easily stored in drawers.

"We collected things that wouldn't interrupt her (mother's) decor," Berlove laughed as she recalled her mother's contemporary taste in art.

"My mother liked fashions in the now and my father and I liked the fashions of the past," she said.

At 75, Berlove said she has hundreds of pieces of silver.

Berlove has given talks

for the prestigious Gardiner Museum in Toronto and for various historical societies. She has also attended seminars led by Harney and Sons, who are well-known in the tea world.

Admission to her presentation at the library is \$8 per person and people who wish to attend need to register ahead.

For more information call the library at 905-892-6443.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Niagara Region Economic Development division is recruiting interested business owners and professionals to serve on the newly created **Economic Development Advisory Panel**. The panel will provide local perspective, guidance and expert strategic advice in the operation of the new economic development function. Panel advisors should have previous advisory experience and bring a region-wide vision to create a balanced focus on improving Niagara's economy.

The advisory panel will consist of the following:

- Three seats for Niagara business owners
- Two seats for Regional council representatives
- One seat for each of the following:
 - Chamber of commerce representative
 - Finance sector representative
 - Post-secondary sector representative
 - Senior Regional staff representative
 - Industry association representative
 - Real estate representative
 - Inclusion representative
 - Trade union representative
 - Local area municipal representative - CAO
 - Local area municipal representative - economic development officer

The panel is soliciting interest from people with skill sets in the following areas:

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- Private/public partnerships
- Transition and change management
- Labour force development
- Competitive marketing and sales experience

Meetings will be held quarterly for approximately two hours. Appointment term will be two years.

The expression of interest application form, self-assessment tool and the terms of reference providing details on seat structure are available on our website at www.niagararegion.ca. Applications may be completed online, downloaded and mailed or dropped off in person.

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Thorold, ON, L2V 4T7

Applications may also be emailed to: janet.pilon@niagararegion.ca

Applications must be received no later than Jan. 18, 2013. All expressions of interest will be considered. An interview process may be conducted.

For more information, contact
Susan Cudahy, Manager, Major Projects
905-685-4225 ext. 3798 or
susan.cudahy@niagararegion.ca

GRANTS QUESTIONED

Ward 3 Coun. Peter Papp intends to propose a motion Jan. 21 to reconsider Town of Pelham grants given to service organizations.

"I suggest we re-engage the conversation and consider the Welland Hospital Foundation," Papp said in the council chambers last Monday.

Along with his motion, Papp said he will give reasons why he thinks council should give a grant to the hospital foundation.

The town in 2013 is to award \$17,600 in grants to Pelham Cares, \$4,000 to Women's Place of South Niagara, a report of abused women and their children, \$2,500 to Pelham Art Festival and \$1,500 to the Child Advocacy Centre, which helps abused children and their families.

Applicants for grants this year included Welland Hospital Foundation, Welland Historical Museum and In the Orchard, an arts program for Pelham children to experience art in a safe place.

CAO WANTS SPOT

Town council has approved the chief administrator Darren Ottawa's application for consideration to become a representative on the Niagara Region Economic Development Advisory Panel.

If chosen, Ottawa would serve a two-year term and could serve two consecutive terms on the panel.

The deadline to express an interest in joining the panel is Jan. 18.

The panel will consist of one CAO from a municipality in the region as well as individuals representing chambers of commerce, business owners, senior regional staff and others.

"If Ottawa could receive a position on the board, it would be a great opportunity to bring our views to the region as well as tapping into a resource to bring information back to us," Ward 2 Coun. Gary Accursi said.

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REPORT ON BYLAW

Discussion about the Town of Pelham adopting its own site alteration bylaw is expected to continue in the council chambers.

The town is still developing the bylaw, which would give the municipality the legal means to control and enforce the placement

of dumping of fill, the alteration of grade or the removal of topsoil from land.

Planning director Craig Larmour said he expects to have a report completed for the first committee-of-the-whole meeting in February.

"We will ensure the draft bylaw is kept on track and prioritized," chief

administrative officer Darren Ottaway added.

TWO CENTS ON BUCKS

With the holidays wrapped up, town council is curious about how the Pelham Bucks program fared this season.

For the first time, the Town of Pelham gave its employees vouchers called "Pelham

Bucks" valued at \$30 to use at local participating businesses — an alternative to the traditional Christmas gifts it had given as bonuses.

Ward 1 Coun. Richard Rybka asked if all the vouchers had been cashed in and if the program was successful.

Chief administrative officer Darren Ottaway said the

program hasn't closed yet and the information Rybka asked for won't be known until the end of the month. Ottaway did tell Rybka the response from the voucher program has been "very positive."

"I think it provided somewhat of a more flexible option for staff to make purchases."

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■ **KINSMEN:** 'There are so many people worthy of the award'

Submit a nomination for citizen of the year

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

PELHAM — What makes a community tick is its volunteers who tirelessly work during the year to make a little more special.

The Fonthill and District Kinsmen Club will again recognize Pelham's citizen of the year.

"There's someone out there who is deserving of the award and they just need to be nominated," said club president Doug Freeland.

Since the Kinsmen club began campaigning for the 2012 award in mid-November, nominations have been lacklustre. Freeland

expects to see a rush of nominations just before the Jan. 23 deadline.

"There's always a last-minute push for nominations," he said.

"It's disappointing because there are so many people worthy of the award."

The award was first presented in 1996 to honour a citizen who best demonstrated the true sense of the community spirit and has had a strong impact on the community.

The 2012 winner will be selected on Feb. 1 and honoured at a celebration and dinner at Old Pelham Town Hall on Feb. 26.

He or she will join the ranks

of the 2011 citizen of the year, Sandra Warden, who has been a member of a number of organizations such as Pelham Community Policing, Block Parent and Pelham Cares.

Past recipients also include Gord Klager (2010), Gail Hiley (2009) and Rick Lowes (2008).

Nominees must reside or work in Pelham and be at least 21 years of age and not be a member of any Kinsmen Clubs of Canada branches nor be financially compensated for political activities.

Nominations must include the nominee's name and contribution to the community.

"The name of the person who

is being nominated must be included and it needs to be spelled out clearly as to why this person is being nominated."

The more information about a nominee that's provided to the club, the stronger the nomination is, Freeland said.

Contact information of the person making the nomination, including the name, phone number and e-mail if applicable, must also be submitted with the nomination.

Written nominations can be sent to Fonthill and District Kinsmen, P.O. Box 906, Fonthill, LOS 1E0.

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son registration for the 2013 season. Visit the Pelham Arena from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Jan. 19. Members of the PMBA will be available to answer questions. Registration will also be available on Jan. 20 and Feb. 3, at the Niagara Sport Social facility at Rice Rd. and Quaker Rd. from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Registration is open for all divisions for boys and girls ages three to 18. For more information visit www.pmba.ca.

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■ HOCKEY: Peewees win title in Jordan Christmas House League Tourney

Mossimo's Black Panthers Jordan tourney champions

For Pelham News

The Mossimo's Black Panthers rang in the new year with a pee wee championship title in the Jordan Christmas House League Tourney.

The peewees traveled to Jordan Arena to compete in the tourney from Jan. 3 to 5. There they took the opening round games against the Jordan Leafs 7-1 and the Jordan Blackhawks 5-1.

Nick Chambers landed a pair of goals in the Leafs game with single goals scored by Jeremy Pollard, Tristan Barnhart, Hayden Stewart, Robbie Harper and Braeden Prout.

A strong defense was the key in both games with Ethan Guitard and Dan Durkin earning most valuable player honours.

The Panthers headed into the quarterfinal with a rematch against the Blackhawks ending in a 5-1 victory for Pelham. Prout dominated the offensive zone netting four of the five goals and assisting a goal from Barnhart.

Prout was named the game's most valuable player.

The semi-final was a nail-biter for Panther fans as Pelham faced the Jordan Canadians. With an empty scoreboard after two periods, Prout struck early in the third period with the help of Guitard.

The Canadians answered with a goal before a penalty gave the Panthers a power play. Pollard, Guitard and Prout's pass up, shooting top shelf for the game winner from Murray and Prout. Nick Yolidassis was outstanding between the pipes and earned the game's MVP.

The Panthers advanced to face the Jordan Leafs again in the tournament final. The Panthers were in their marks early in the game with Reid Murray and Jeremy Pollard both netting a pair of goals to take a 4-1 lead at the end of the 1st period. This proved to be the final score as both teams settled into their defensive games. Murray was named as the game's MVP.



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Mossimo's Black Panthers peewees were the champions of the Jordan Christmas House League Tourney held Jan. 3 to 5 at Jordan Arena. Pictured from left to right are (front) Tristan Barnhart, Zach Baltrusunas, Nick Yolidassis, Dean Coates, Ethan Guitard, (middle row) Nick Chambers, Jeremy Pollard, Robbie Harper, (back row) Coach John Pollard, Hayden Stewart, Reid Murray, Braeden Prout, Coach Joel Barnhart, Coach Greg Chambers, and Dan Durkin.



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